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CHILE

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The Government of Chile has faithfully implemented the resolutions adopted by the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations on the question of South West Africa.

I am happy to inform you that my Government's attitude reflects its traditional position of respect for human rights and for the obligations resulting from international treaties.

CHINA

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The Government of China has been deeply concerned about the fate of the South West Africans who have been tried and convicted under the retroactive Terrorism Act.

China voted in favour of General Assembly resolution 2324 (XXII) and Security Council resolution 245 (1968), both of which called upon the Government of South Africa to discontinue the illegal trial of the South West Africans and to repatriate them. On 19 February 1968, the Permanent Representative of China on the Security Council stated that the conscience of the world was profoundly shocked by the judgement of the Pretoria court, and he strongly deplored the harsh sentence that had been meted out under the retroactive law in a court without competence.

It is relevant to point out that the position of the Chinese delegation is based on the view it has consistently maintained that the territory of South West Africa has an international status and its inhabitants have the inalienable right of self-determination.

China will co-operate with other Member States in a continuing effort to secure the release and repatriation of the South West Africans.
